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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 1, 2006.

Remarks

Claims 1 to 20 remain in this application.

The allowability of dependent claim 9 is noted.

Reconsideration of the rejections of claims 1, 2, 4 to 8, 10, 13, 15 to 18 and 20 is requested.

Claim 1 has been rejected as being anticipated by <u>Acker</u>. Issue is taken in this respect.

Acker describes a header assembly for plate-type evaporative heat exchangers.

As illustrated in Fig. 1, a dual-piped manifold 18 supplies water to three troughs 14 each of has a pair of side walls 22, a pair of oblique walls 24 converging toward a common